

## **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

In complete response to the outstanding Official Action of October 2, 2003, the Advisory Action of December 19, 2003, and the second Advisory Action of August 27, 2004 on the above-identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-10 remain in this application. Claims 11-24 have been cancelled.

### **Allowable Subject Matter:**

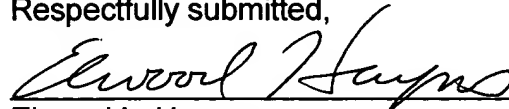
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 1-10 are free of the prior art.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the current amendments, the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone call would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elwood L. Haynes", is written over a horizontal line.

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